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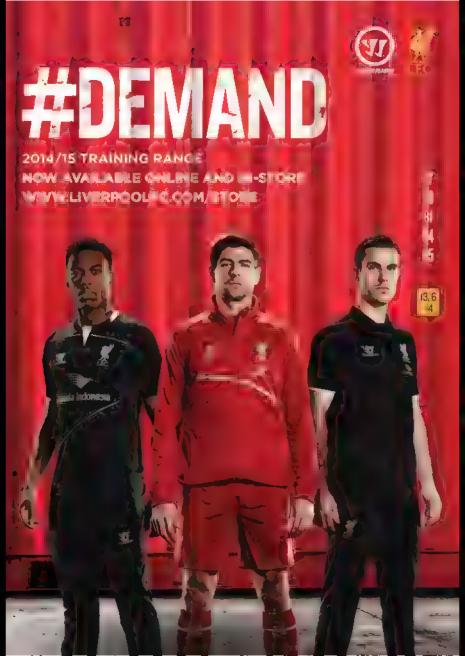












THE MAKING OF



From sports-mad schoolboy to manager of the season – how and why it happened by those who have worked with him





then Brendan Rodgers was a shuderit at SP Patrick's College in Bellymens in Northern Ireland there are no football team. Ireldeed, physical education consisted of beskethed, Seelic lootball and hurfing.

h particular PE, teacher Paul McKee remerabers the buture Liverpool manager's aphibition on the court. "As a student he was mad about sport." As a student he was mad about sport he would spond all of his five time in the sports heal I coach beskerball and Bendan was a very good player deceptively fast and smart art setting up attacks, i remember his familiar short where he d send defenders the word way. He was very awars and possessed a tough side. That drive and determination people see now was present back them.

McKee believes that basketball exparience has played a part in how Rodges now sets up his learns to press opponents all over the park. "Ve've chasted about how he locuses on different zones. Brendan loves the cheeky way players dispossess opponents in basketball, how they almost pick their pockets. He likes hat sort of thing in his players."

Come naturally to the youngster tome carturally to the youngster tom Carribouts, as Noel Cerevan, the school's Gaelic football creat, recalls. "There was a crucial game, a some-linal, and despite playing well we were losing by a couple of points half-thine So during the Interval I said that I wanted us to try a simple move. It was to start with the left corner-back (equivalent of a full-back in spoper) who switched the ball to the right wing where it was moved or to the left-half forward. Brendan We did it times times in the first six menutes of the second half, soored two goals and one point and want on to win. Brendan could see what was required, whereas the other ladd kept asking how it had worker!

Corner O'Loan, manager of the odlings huffing liam: adds. "Sopoar was always his limit love. But if you gave him a practice drill he'd go away and de a relentlessty. He lense his invitations and sometimes that's a good strength to have He was a great believer in practising. He realised that only by repetition of the basics could you get them right. (Id imagine he still preaches that now.

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orning Cricket Crub, a few miles east of Reading. A Friday evening in August 1999 and light years away from the Premire Langue An unfamiliar face enters through the gates. Peter Grant, then a 33-year unfabelise, held but spiend Reading FC from Norwach. The maju reason for his doctsion was the presence of manager Tommy Burns at the Madejsh Stadium the park having proviously worked together at Cellit.

Grant had been agned to pley and also could, which was why he was at Sonning CC. There, Reading's youngest players were taught lootball's basic skills. The man educating them was Brenden Rodders.

First impressors are evertasting." Grant tays, "and could tell that Brendan was a great coach, I'd alvesdy done all my badges but because! I was still playing twas tough to ill in more coaching hours. That's why I was there that right. Reading used the richest ground for tranning lids aged 9-12 and all loving to eastoon."

Over the wested that followed Peter could see why. The master was Benedam Normatier what the weather rain, strine, sleet or snow he was our or the petch with a smile or has bace that notice of the petch with a smile or has bace that notice of or the was out that a smile or has bace that notice of or the was Al that stage fixed are cobocusty semining and make plenty of missakes; but Brendam was always periorit and endournelling, he regularly fold them had work was emportant that's something you, still hear had belief, about now.

A low years carrier Rodgers himself had harboured ambitions of making it as a playor with Reading. Those hopes were cuttalled by a knee problem so the channels of the harboured to the dependent is earsylose in a different calection. "Some people would have stoppad out of the game altogether after that setback," continues Grant. Instead Strendam put everything into being the best coach he could be. From what I saw nobody worked harder."

That ethic was insided in him by the men who'd brought Rodigers and Grant together. Torniny Burrs, whose three-year Celto reign in the mich played attractive, attacking tootball.

"I know Brendsin really looked up to Tommry white sach passed, away in 2008. Tommry was a purst. He wardsol his teams to produce free flowing looked at Tommry's Cellic teams they always had strong attacking players ike Pierre Van Hoogkoonk, Jorge Caetes. Andress Thom and Paolo Di Carlot. You can see Brendain hies to do the same now by sometimes having Julia Suarez, Deniel Sturridge. Raineem Stering and Philippe Coulumb in the same side

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by playing the dight way. Tonniny Ined to the that, unequoted this are sential and Breindain wants to provide them with both vactories and entertainment. Liverpool might have just inseed out on the title fast season but you pould efficient between the title sent season but you pould efficient the fast season but you pould efficient the fast reaction that they were delighted by the football they wastedled on a requisit plays.

Tommy was massively millianced by Dush football and Ajax, Brandan has probably taken more from Spanish football. But again, there is a similarity with Tommy because he is very open to new or different ideas.

Many viewers have commented on the improvement in players Rodgers has brought about, oting Jordan Handlerson, Raheem Sterling and Jon Flanagan as examples, Grant had first-hand imperience of Burns doing the same in Cassoow

"Tommy would spend hours out on the training field inving to help players develop. As captain 1 sometimes had to remind that that we dideen there to three or four hours and the lads needed to finish up. If have not to the captain to the didest in the captaing. Brendan has that amular appoints for making players better think the ovidence is there for everyone to see. But even working with the lads at Freeding it was the same. The wanted to help levery and them he wanted to help levery and them he captained in the process better and had he utmost to make it haspen.

Burns forture at their Sepond Division Reading lasted. 8 months Creant also moved on to become a player poach at Bournernguith in May 2000. Rodgers remained with the Barkshire outfill establishing himself as one of the Way fightes in their academy askup before online Chelses in 2004.

Despite having poins their separate ways Grant and Rodgers kept in touch, and when the former was appointed konwich bose in 2006 he was quickly on the phone to this ex-optionague. "I wanted Brendant to be my assistant to how the word the would have been toles in thought he would have been toles that couldn't offer him a fel of money and the fact he would have had to uponot his family was also a reajor tolor if was disappointed we didn't market if happer because if innew what Brendan was capable of

The way that he always wanted to improve and better himself meant the had title problem moving up from opaciting liste to adults. Sometimes, that jump is too big for coaches. Senior players aren't always receptive to people who didn't play the game at the highest level. But, with the way Brendan works, players couldn't be anything other than highested."

When the Ulsterman and leaver Chelsea it was to become manager of Visitor in 2008, before the returned to Reading for a brief spell in charge it was findly at Svansaa CtV, where he rose to promisence Taking the Weish side to the Promer League and kneping them there was an accomplishment that, ultimately earned thin the Anletic lob.

His ascent to being named as LMA manager of the year for 2014 has come as no euronse to Grant "It isn't just in the last year or two that he's become a good coach. He's been working on It for it ollonger and all that effort and dedication has pied off that effort and dedication has pied off.

I still live an Norwich and when unerpool played down here in April went to the learn hotel the night teclore the game to meet Brenden We had a cup of tea and a good chet about those Friday nights at Sonning Crickies Club."



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"HE PUTS FAITH IN YOU – HE KNOWS DELEGATION CAN GO A LONG WAY"

hris Davies "FC's head of opposition analysis met Brandan Rodgers as a youth-team player at Reading a decade ago Rodgers made Daves has captan before a succession of insuries halled a promision career

of injunes halled a promising career From there the pair embarked on separate paths. Rodgers to Cheksas, Watord, their back to Reading, and Davies to the University of bughtorough. New Zealand as a sani-professional better eturning to England where he completted his. A license capacitary badges.

By the time Rodgers arrived at Swansea City he tooked to make frash appointments to his backroom. He remembered Davies ability as a player but most importantly his honesty hard work and aptitude for carrying out instructions

What Davies lifes most about prodiges management style however is the way he enables staff to operate with autonomy. Brevider places etic of lethic myou." he says. "He understands that in management, delegation among people whom you trust goes a long way to achieving success. Ones believes staff are alhorded a certain degree of independence not only because Rodges trusts the people he works with, but also because his directives are clear." The process starts with Brendan, Because I know exactly what he warits in terms of play patterns, understand implicitly what he warits me to look for when go and watch an opposition team. His management is very clear. Whether you're in the coaching department medical, socialing any type of research. The backroom staff appreciate what his expectations are

For instance, I'm sure the recruitment team will know that if Brandan wanted to sign a winger they will look for someone who is creative in a one-against-one shualbon, rather than someone who is going to get on the end of crosses from the other side of the plath. Likewise the physiotherapy team understand the style of the team so they can build the demands of the training and recovery around that

The manager's approach to detail is his dreatest strength, according to Davies No facet of football is ignored Although the focus is upon getting the maximum out of his Liverpool players. attention is paid to every detail of the exposition. "Brendan is very specific on what he wants me to look at. Three rectional scouts will no and watch s. team before me end provide reports will then use the intelligence alongside video analysis before watching an appaged the week immediately before Liverpool are due to face them. to try and establish their most current form it means by the time Liverpooli are playing an opponent, we have watched them a minimum of 10 times







"I'M SKIPPING INTO WORK, ENJOYING TRAINING, AND I THINK EVERY PLAYER IS THE SAME"

he arrival of Brendan Rodgers al Anfield in the summer of 2012 meant he become the fifth manager under whom Steven Gerrard had worked at doncestic level

risal warnisch at contraction (white just seven years older them his skipper "When Benedian was appointed we talked for around 45 minutes to an hour General solid all few weeks after meeting the new boots." I fall it was insportant to do that and hear his plains; it was all interesting and, I have to say, I liked what hearth He was really honest and respectful of the dub.

"I also spoke to a few people who'd worked with Brenden and they at told me I'd enjoy playing for Ihm. He's been coaching for 20 years. In that time he's had the experience of being at a bigclub like Chelsea and he had Swansea City performing very well.

"Swansea was a really good platform and the timing is night for him to come here. He seems to have a great betef. In himself which is good to see.

Halfway through 2012/13 and the results had been mixed. The work going on all Melwood on a delly basis needed time to bear full, as Gerrard pointed out. "We been very empressed 18e the way Brendam vanis to play tootball, his philosophy, the way he man-manages players individually and the way that he manages the team."

"He'si shown he's got a lot of bottle. To come part also that this job on was ununballer/able challenge, but he knew that. He's enjoying it, although he also realises what a big job he's got in store. I think this team will make replict strictes and get to where it wants to be over the next couple of years. For confident of that.

Now with the Reds having come within three points of the title, scored over a century of goals and samed a return to the Champions League, those words seem prophetic. And the captain is quick to praise the man who has spearheaded the rise up the table

"You have to give huge credit to the transger He carrier in a youngmanager taking a huge job. and to trave the impact he's had in such a short space of time is phenomenal reelly. "I'm enjoying every minuta working with ham, He's a top manager a top toke."

I'm alopping into work, anjoying training, and I think every player's the same You can see in our performancial everyonis's expressing themselves, playing with outdidence and belief. He takes the hair away from you as a player. You're not scared to make missives under him because you re playing the assict way the wants you. Io play.

"His first six months was obviously everyone getting used to him. But as soon as the message got ecross to the team I think we've carried it out really well over the test 18 months."





(Stave Peters, the club's psychiatrst, had worked with uverpool players vidependently in the past Steven Gernard and Craig Bellamy being two When Rodgers was appointed Rads boss in the summer of 2012 he was interested to meet the person Bellamy claimed had helped take his game to a

Today Steve spends one day a week at Methycod and is available to players in the hours before malches, often accompanying the squad. In the pages of this magazone, Deniel Sturntige and Raheem Storling revealed how before buerpool's worder over Manchester City, he went to meet Pelens in a city-onetre hold. If was a bid unsure whether it would be beneficial but the things said gave the a list of consideren. Hours later of course Sterling scored Liverpool's opening goal in the 32-win.

Jpon signing for unerpool in 2013. Sundingle quickly shuck a rapport with the psychiatrist. "I wanted to improve my game and realised even if it gives you a one-per-cert advardage, it's worth trying to get the edge."

Peters, arrival at Liverpool made him the first psychiatrist to be appointed. by the olub in its history. He believes that without its history. He believes that without its meanager's "openmendedness" he di never have been efforties the opportunity. "From our first meeting if wes clear that Brandan was unusual in a sportung sense. A tol of people af the lop don't have a psychological perspective. But Brandan obes it was clear that the was a man who telened. He is very big on teamwork. It isn't is case of me coming in and fetting him what to do institude we discuss matters as a group and arrive at a consensus.

Steve describes himself as "an outsider locking in. From theil possion" it's clear that Brendan has created a fully-functioning team. As one piece of the ligsaw can see the rest of the figsaw it's very strong all-round. The foundations are there for success

"You have to be realistic through. You can't say that because there is a shong beam supposes will automabatily follow. You can neiver gusarates anything an football, these seen games where the team plays well dominates but loses. There is a big difference to track and held where if an attribute performs well, them is a likelihood that they'll win Having seen/hung in place off the leidt just increases the otterno of probability that the club will gain strength and therefore be more successful."

"A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE TOP DON'T HAVE A PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE – BRENDAN DOES"

THEY SAY:

Raheem Sterling: "The way that the manager is turning the club is definitely the right way. It's not just on the football side there is always someone there for whatever you need. Nutrition, the nepral side or technical analysis, we don't have to asik. When you couple that with the standard of the players here, you realise it was only going to be a certain amount of three before we started winning a lord matches."

Kolo Toure: "The manager the club captain and even the people who work at Melwood! file those that work upstairs, the ladies who serve us and the che!" you can see that people really enjoy to be here. Thus environment has come from the manager definitely. The manager is very clevur!"

Damiel Scurridge. "It's great to play for someone who wants the team to go forward and produce free flawing football. As a striker there shot "much more you can ask for. The boss wards as to retain possession, create angles and make ourselves awardnie to receive the ball. By doing that you fire the opporation out. Then opportunities will reme along and "is up to us to convert them."

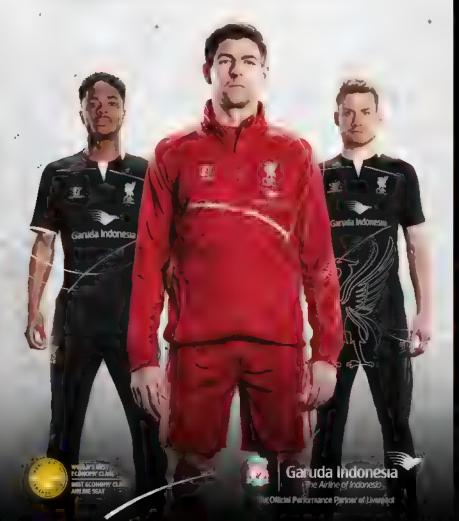
foao Carlos Teixeira. "When was lucky enough to make my debur for the first ream at Putham aast season the manager gave trie a for of confidence before a went on. He just said to mer don the afraid and my to shoot and score When you are maining well you know you are propared."

Jim Ekonagam. "The manager has helped me a lint. He's like a locateer and you always ustern Assumatily and going forward, there have been improvements He's proven that if you take his advice on board and give everything, the opportunity will come. It's a positive message for all the lads, expecially the opes younger than me."

Simon Migasolles "Brendan Rodgians a gaffer who goves you contidence. He speaks, openly to you and lalways like that or a manager "flyou can speak us imm and ask him things, if helps ann very pleased we have hose. Annucles of communications and look forward to institute a lot the form him in the rimes should."

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FABIO BORINI

The Italian forward was one of the stars of Sunderland's fight to avoid relegation under Gus Poyet, Borininetted 10 goals in 40 apprearances, with the pick of his strikes inducting a winning penalty at former club Chelsea and a goal in the Capital One Cup final of If Wembley.

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Fabro said: "It's been a great season. Tve had 40 appearances after a year when was injured.



It was the hardest season "ve ever had because we have been constantly lighting, but this builds your character it makes you stronger. You learn how to suffer and how to get out of hard shabons and hat builds you and gets you ready for anything. I've always thought I was a Premer League player. Liverpool wouldn't have bought mis-

otherwise. The injuries I could not control. This season I was injury-free and I've showed can play "



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JACK ROBINSON

The teh-back earned vital experience of playing league talkindran threatment than the total the Beackpool vestists. Playing pames at this level sivery week is something I harban? done before. For get gainers in the Chemponship has been brillian!, Jack made 34 appearances as the Tangarines beat the drop, finishing the season in 20th position. Iwo points clear of the danger zone.



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JORDON IBE

A lorought after coming on as a sub for Steven Genard in the 5-1 thrashing of Argenal at Artifeld, the 15-year-old joined Championship strugglers Binningham The pacy England Under 198 frontman made 13 appearances for the St Andrew's side as they escaped relegation thanks to a last-minute equaliser at Bolton on the final day libe scored once in his spell with Lea Clark a side - an 18th minute strike in the 3-2 win at Milwall in March, Upon his return to Liverpool, he lit up the post-season trienctly in Dublin with a man-of-the-match display as the Reds deleated insh opponents Shamrock Royers 4-0



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ALSO ON LOAN.

Oussama Assauli

The pacy Morectam winger enjoyed an excellent season at the Britannia Stadium as Stoke City achieved their highest league position since 1975. He figured in 25 games, scoring five limes with the pick a lare winner against Chelsea in December.

Pepe Rema

The Spanish international gualkeeper became a favourite in Maples under old Reds boos Rafa Benliez, making 30 Serie A appearances as the dub finished third and won the Corona Italia.

Krisztian Adorjan

The Hungarian midfielder made 19 appearances and socroed three goals as Gronuigen finished seventh in the Durch Eredivisie Fits side them defeated Visese Arnhem and AZ Allamant to win the play-offs to participate in next season's Europa League qualifiers.

Jakub Sokolik

The Czech central defender was a regular in the Southend United sade after joining on loan in March. He helped the Shrimpess secure a play-off spot as they finished fifth, but they were edged out 7-2 in the secur-finals by Burton Albion. He made a dozen appearances for Hill Brown's side.

Ryan McLaughlin

The promising full-back made nine appearances during an injury-his people at Barnsley Unfortunately the Tylees were mable to stane off relegation to League One, finishing the eampaign one place off the botton of the table. Byan made his Northern Ireland debut in the ecent friendly with Uruguay and then won a second cay Chille.

Crarg Roddan

The midfielder had spells at League One Carlisle United and League Two Accrington Stanley but couldn't quite force his way into the starting line-up on a regular basis.

Henoc Mukendi

The an-year-old striler moved to Scottish Premier League side Particle Thistle on loan last July but was unable to make an impression with the Jags.



A pre-season crib sheet for the 2014/15 UEFA Champions League.

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hen Rickle Lambert arrived at Macricariation in 2001 manager Gi Prescoti was left with a haddache. He could minediately spot the youngster's potential but with the League Two side operating on a shoosting budget, he had little weggle-norm to add to he squad.

The squard.

"We'd seen the lad in an A I teamy reserve game eight before and he came in for frais after he had been released by Blackpool. He recalls "Radies will tell you himself that he sn't a natural affirete and he fitness levels were lacking a little. But then he had been working in a factory to help ends heef to the soliting was never independent of the soliting and the soliting as the so

"To be forees: a hard to struggle even to get him in for northing because we were on such a light budget. But Riche's attitude was top-cless and he had stockability. He of go-with the reserves wherever they went and I resnembler saying to him. Can't do anything for you move build by your expregared to sick with me I promise.

thet when we can, we'll given you a contract however small it may be He was just desperate to play When he came in to pre-season the following year he had shed a few pounds and had clearly worked independent of the summer to give hinnest the best channer to give hinnest the best channer to give hinnest the best channer.

Choice Jambert had become hally integrated into the Sillemen's squad. Integrated into the Sillemen's squad. Not sectional saliky often persuaded Gill to use him in a midfield role. "I gave him his "Macc debut up front, coming on as a sub at Exetter But up front, coming on as a short section and saw things on a section and saw things so, so quickly which is something you cannot coach. And, of course, he's got a not be follied a series out in out to file as series out in out.

"I had gone from Macc by the time they sold him to Stockport for 300 grand but that was great business for the club and the rest is history."

"Fremember Granada TV used to have a magazine show and they'd visit all the clubs in the area to profile them. They distill to the manager and then do tests with the players to see who was the quickest, who had the hardest shot and so on. Unforturately Pickie.



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was out fryured at the time but incremelber eaping to the guy that he would have registered 80 mgh bus in fact I, negref not group hen the opportunity to show how hard he could hill. The goaliteopers used to say the power in his shots was alarming and you don't often hear that in the pro game.

"Lestipool have great options from satiplays and people know all about Ruckes squality from penalties. But now free-facts from 30, even 35 yards out, are dangerous because when Robie hits from, they stay hit. Even in open delenders are in writing trouble 4 they back of thim from that distance.

"couldn't be happler for him. I have been validing tim on. TV over the past few yeers with a big smile on my face and was made-up when he got he limpland cap because at 18, 19 years of age. I bet he wouldn't even have dreamed of that.

And Gil, who now works as a social for Blackburn Reviews, believes Reden's story is a valuable lesson to young players who expenence setbacks party in their careers. If just highlights that if you keep believing, if can happer Relate's or a height in terms of his career now and when you consider his Or you can't get much better them at World Cup in Brazal and signing for Liverpool. His a proud Socuser and will be made up to the cib. It's a classic case of everything coming to the who walls."

"HE'S GOT A RIGHT FOOT LIKE A SIEGE

So what kind of striker have Liverpool signed? The man who gave Rickie Lambert his full professional debut reveals all...



"For fans the Champions League nights at Anfield are just superb"

The final will be stagged on Sathurday 6 June 2015 at Berlin's Olympiastadion, which holds over 74,000 spectation. Opened in 1908 for that year's Olympia Games, if is the home of Herba Berlin who were promoted back to the Sundesliga at the end of last session. The vanue staged times metaches at the 1904 of the Coupling of the Province of 2008, noticing the final between Francia and little, it is noticed invery German Cup final since 1995.

Only one ex-Red has played a full 90 minutes in a Champions League final since 2007 Liverpool's last appearance Javier Mascherano, for Barcelona v Manchester United at Wembley in 2011 Three have appeared as substitutes: Nicolas Anelka, an extra-time sub for Chelsea v United in Moscow in 2008; Fernando Torres, an 84th minute sub for Cheisea v Bayern Munich in the Bayarian capital in 2012: and Nurl Sahin, a 92nd minute sub for Borussia Dortmund V Bayern Munich at Wembley in

2013. Earlier this year Xabi Alondo missed Real Madrid's win over city neighbours Atleton in Lisbon, while Afvaro Arbeica was an unused sub on the bench.

Next May is of course the 10th enriversary of Istanbul Of the 14 Uverpool players who appeared that night, only Steven Gerrard is still with the club. Three others are playing alsewhere: Xab: Alonso with Real Madnd: Dybni Osse with Bastia; and Dima Trace with Seattle Sounders John Ame Rise and Milan Baros were released by Fulham and Antalyaspon respectively at the end of last season. Sam: Hyypia is the new boss of Brighton white Dietmar Harmann works in the media. The rest have all retired from playing: Jerzy Dudek Steve Finnan, Jamie Carragher Luis Garcia, Harry Kewell and Vladimir Smicer

Supporters can celebrate Liverpool's return to Champions League football by adding two special patches to the new Warrier home kit for the 2014/15 campaign. One bears an image of the trophy, the other the bond. Champions League brand. Find out more at www.fiverpooftc.com.

Robbie Fower tels the club's official website. There are going to be some unbellevable games coming to Affect next year. As a supporter the Champions Laugue nights are superit. We know what they are like, supporters and players how being. The manager has not been in the Champions League before so he'll certainly strive to do as well as he can As a club, we deserve to be in the Champions League. for who will be magnificant and I can't wall for a "Well be magnificant and I can't wall for a "Well be magnificant and I can't wall for a "Well be magnificant and I can't wall for a "Well be magnificant and I can't wall for a "





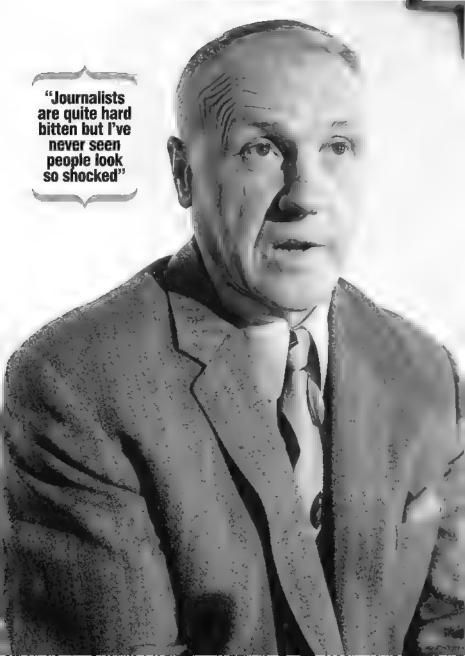
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Forty years ago, upon a

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Their side had ended

the previous season with a hugely convincing 3-0 FA Cup final win. over Newcastle United at Wernbley The prize was, after the League and JEFA Cup double of 1973, a third trophy in just two seasons for Bill Shankly's second great team With Kewn Koegan, one of the best players in the country leading the Billack, domination of English football in the years to come appeared possible. The summer also brought a World Cup in West Germany won by the host nation. The tournament featured a new type of contest in the footballing world: the battle of German





"Mr Shankly wishes to retire from active participation in league football"

and Purna. The hisaky between the companies founded by brothers was demonstrated by the decision of Netherlands superstar Johan Cruyff, who had it, personal boot deal with Purna, refusing to wear the three stopes of Addias on his Dutch shirt in the World Cup final.

An American-dominated Wimbledon with triumphs for Jimmy Connors and Chris Event provided further sporting distraction, whife She by French amoner Charles Aznewour was the song ruling the arrenues with four weeks at number one.

As June turned into July the FA Charity Shedi and a return to real domestic football action graw nearer Juleppool's opponents at Wembley would be League champions



I had been around a long time and I thought I would lke thave a test, spend more time with my family and inayloggethet more fun out of life. Whilst you love football, it is a trecentless task which goes on and on like a river. There time for stopping and resting. So I had to say I was returned that the only word for it, though I believe you retire where you are in your coffin and the lid is nailed down and your a is on it.

Deep down I had thought about it the previous season N had said, 'How long is this going to go on?' I had said, I was mine at mine alone.

When I talked to her about it later, she said, 'Are you in you want to do that?' She didn't want me to do anything to I didn't want to do ~ and this didn't help me. I supplies I want her to say, 'Now is the time.' But we had just won the Cuplia. had been second in the League and the future was growing be cause Liverpool had built up a system. People respected this so much it bordered on fear.

I had been at Liverpool for fifteen years, and in a sense of had raised them from the dead. It was a terrible wrench to as 'I'm going,' because after we had won the Cup in 1974 on of the thoughts that crossed my mind was, 'If I stay next so a now we will win the League, so that would be two teams of miles that won the League, the Cup and the League again in three seasons' At the Cup Final dinner I said, 'The League is only if formality next season. This team is ready for anything.'

The boys were the right age, not too old and not too young When a season starts, most of the teams say, 'If we get that six points, we'll be all right,' but I used to say, 'If we get that six points by Christmas, we will be all right.' I was so confident that Liverpool would win the League again that I backed them heavily, with a saver on Derby.

If Don Revie had packed in at Leeds earlier I might have said, 'Oh, it might be easier now. I'd better stay on? Leeds were going to be un ottled for a little while, because new men were coming in and the apple-cart was upset. That was the time to grap the lead again, quickly. I could have waited until the snoke cleared at Leeds. And if Don had joined Everton, as he might

have done at one

All things bein tune, I might hav three or four mo didn't. I thought would just have b

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Most of thos had picked up was practical a sensible and so to what I was a ber two to me, felt he should be

Joe Fagan v. taken charge o had made hii Reuben Benna tremendous m stage, I would have stayed at Liverpool to

ig equal, and having been in the game a long e been better saying, 'Look, I'm going to have onths off, then I'll start all over again,' But I that would have been unfair to the club. That

een using them.

cision final was like being on a jury and having e'll hang him.' It took I time for me to come I go now,' but I felt the club was in a good ally, had trophies in the cupboard and hai i ou leave a club when it is on the slide, people u. On the other hand, they may say, 'He left at the top - maybe he's frightened they are That was definitely wrong because I said I was he crub all the co-operation I could. If they had I wouldn't have gone.

e me pack in. It was worked out by myself and nth, who had been the chairman for a year, wher contract. In fact he kept reminding me d, 'Are you worrying about the contract? H. w nt it? I could have stayed on with an increased

eeks went by and I was not enjoying life it all et it sorted out. I then suggested to the directors ay to make the changeover was to promote the

e men had been at Anfield lenger than I had and the system just like taking their tea. The system nd sin.pic and Anfield was a bastion. They were und men. I had elevated them earlier with a view going to do later on. Bob Paisley, who was nam-, had worked hard and long for Liverpool, and I

become the manager.

vas the first-team trainer and Ronnie Moran had f the reserves. We had brought in Roy Evans and m a trainer when he was only twenty-even. ett was watching rival teams for us. Reuben is a nan, and he had travelled with me more than any-



Leads United, with young manager Brian Clough sensationally installed as Don Reve s replacement. Phor to the August date with their fierce cross-Pennine rivals. uverpool supporters expected some new signings to bolster an already formidable squad, with Arsenal forward Ray Kennedy rumoured to be a corpet. And confirmation of Kannady's arrival was just what they and the football media expected when Liverpool FC chairman John Smith called a press conference for Friday 12 July

instead he told those gathered: If is with great regret that I have to inform you that Mr Shankly has intimated that he wishes to retire from active participation in league footbalt."

For once, a group of journalists were lost for words what they'd just heard didn't make any sense Retirement and Shanks were two things that couldn't ever go together He was too in love with the game. What else would he do? How would the team survive without hem?

Bill had once spoken about the idea. of retiring as "the most stupid word. I've ever heard in all my life. It should be stricken from the record. You retire when they put the collin lid down with your name on top. Yet here he was. standing down after 15 years at Anfield in time his assistant coach Bob Paisley would be appointed as his reluctant successor.

John Keith was the journalist asked by the great man to write the souvenir programme for his subsequent testmonial in 1975. The highly respected writer and broadcaster would also create an acclaimed slage show about the legendary Scot. His reaction at the time of the announcement? . was staggered. got a call on the morning to go to the press conference and thought it was about a signing Journalists and media people are quite hard-



bill's bembshell

bitten but I've never seen people as shocked as they were when he walked in and said. If see as though I've been dragged to the alectric chair but I've made my decision. I've got to resign

"You could hear gasps from people it was amazing. Within months, weeks, he regretted it. It was his drug and he didn't have it anymore."

Famously Granada TV dispatched reporter Tony Wilson to the streets of Liverpool to measure the shockwave reverberating through the city Mike Glover loday a committee member of the Official Liverpool Supporters Cub Merseyside Branch and then just enother sturned Koptia, recalls, "Internentier Tony Villann outside the Logs of Mann (pub on Jame States) and people were in disbelled There was a led saying, "You're jolkin penn't ya?"

Ray Hughes, season-botet holder since 1967 adds: "I worked in the Rads Gellery (at the Bluecoat Arts white and a fella came in, he must have been about 50, and we got challing





and he seed. You know who "am"? The lad with the long her on that newered about Sharely resigning. "Myself at the time I heard it on the local radio who even you give new hot of the blue." On that noovable July day in 1974, an thousands of homes around Livespool and further affeld the reaction was the aame, shock, and utility Incredibly. Shankly was no longer the manader of Livespool FC.

For Liverpoof's operang fidure of the new season at home to usosater City, the matchday programme operaed with a message from not the new manager Possey but the cibic chairman. John Smith He wrote "It was of ooutree a matter of great regret to us all where fall decided the time had come for time to retire but at teast we have been able to preserve the continuity of things with the appropriation of 600 has fear manifesting and the directors were delighted that Bob accepted the ervision to follow in Bill's lootsteps.

"Combruity and stability that we used to make the himself of the company of the c



"You're 'avin' me on..."

It's 12 July 1974 and Bill Shaokly has resigned. Granada Reports man Tony Wilson scours the Liverpool streets for reaction...

TW: If a true, I sweet If a the brift, honestly "im not joiding, really. FAMS: You're having us on. OLD LADY: Oh you'll have me crying. Oh that's terrible. YOUNG LAD You're 'avin' me on, aren't ya?

TW: No. I'm not having you on, I've just been to Artifeld. YOUNG LAD! Who said? What did he say? TW: Today, he's refiring, he's finished loday (Moves on). Have you heard

loday's news? Shanitly's retiring. MAN: is he? TW: What do you think?

TW: What do you think?
MAN: Thank Christ for that.
TW: Are you an Everton lan?
MAN: Yesh.



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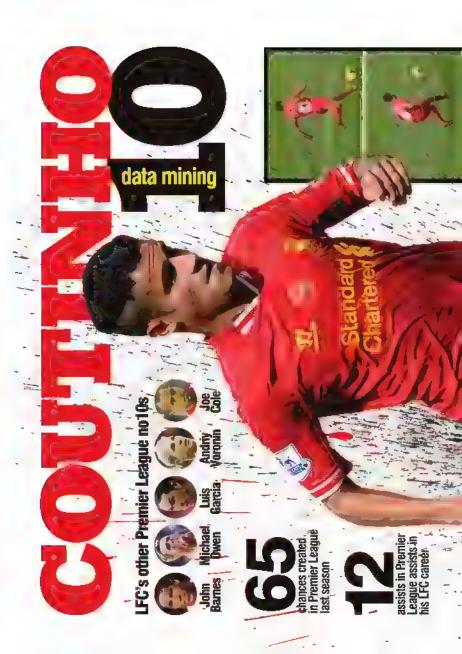


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some of the best stadium lood you will even have to try the thesi at Gartie Fries, and the barboque from Brother utminy's BBO! The experience is always a good one at Yankee Stadium and can't wait to waich the match myself.

Two's company

There will soon be five MTLS franchises in the Big Apple. New York City joining New York Red Bud. We've always had some form of soocer team on one new New York, whether it be the New York Red Budis, the old Metiostars or the even older school Cosmos. Heaving Ivo MTLS franchises in the heart of New York is great in the heart of New York is great.

meting pot of cultures, much of the outher coming in the form of European descent boassing an extreme passion for the game. If shows how much the game is growing in the way that big often are willing to show their support for new teams, and, am always excited to hear about them.

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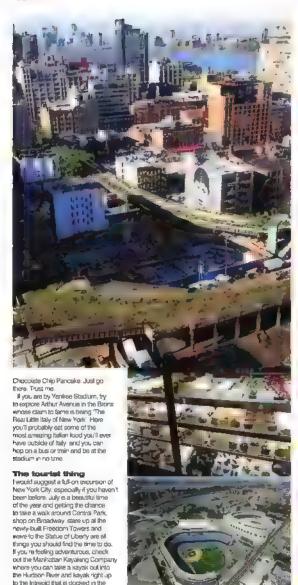
The 11th Street Bar is home to the Liverpool Supporters Club III you are a lan in New York but don't have

going to watch the game there love coffee maybe a little bit too mucht And you can usually just find me walking around the city with a Starbucks cup. They have them on every comer is ometimes even two so keeping my Starbucks flow throughout the day is easy.

places for goodies though. Crumbs Bakery in the city has amazing cupcakes. There is one by Grand. Central Station, one on 6th Avenue. Proschway and lots of other locations as well. They self-coffee there too and Irm always partial to their cappuccino. Baked by Melisses as another ministure cupcake shop that selfs tiny tible-sized cupcakes in inferesting (but delicious) flavours. My all-firms flavouris is the







"The High Line is a public park built on a freight rail line above the East Side"

Fixer or pay a tittle extra to take an expert fatyak four to see the Statue of Liberty from the water Affer that, have funch on a ship docked in the Hudson, an amazing functione place called The Frying Pan that prides itself on its amazing food. An atmosphere, and beautiful weeks from the water beautiful weeks from the water.

LFC in America

In my opinion. Jiverpool has one of the most widely-known sports crease in the world – even my linends who know nothing about lootball thought it was cool that I was going to be playing for Jiverpool I Think that the citib having motis in Goston in perfocular their partnership with the Boston Red Sox, the Yankees biggest mell. helps with their recognition in America in particular iam proud to be a member of such a well-known citib.

My top five NYC places

Here they are, in no particular coder Centrial Park the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA for short). And the High une Park a public park built on a freight rail-line elevated above the streets on the West Side – you cent take a walk along a 1-Smile-long garden above the busy streets of Manhattan. And The Frying Pan. Joually after a day of kayeting at the Manhattan Kayak Companyi And the streets – Just exploring here.

LFC fixtures

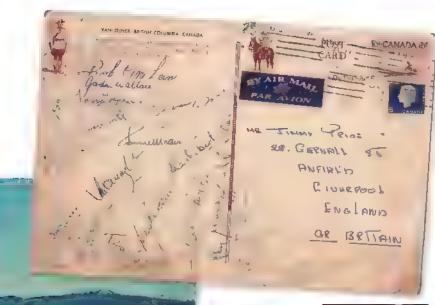
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for the forthcoming sesson in September 1964 hard score on his full debut, in a 6-1 win over KR Reykjavík in a European Cup preliminary round second leg at Antield (the tie was uverpool's very first laste of confinental action).

The Reds arrived in America without Shanks, who remained at home. They scored 15 goals in they first two fedures. B-1 v Boston Metros on 8 May (Bobby bacced the eighth) and 7-1 v New York All Stars two days later There followed a 1 1 draw, surprisingly. with the grandiv-named St Louis Catholic Youth Council All Stars, then a 3-0 win over Club de Futbol Monterrey in Chicago.

A subsequent 2-0 detect by Hamburg in New York was Liverpool's first on JS soil Then came three ill-tempered games with Meidericher Spielverein (now MSv Dutsburg)

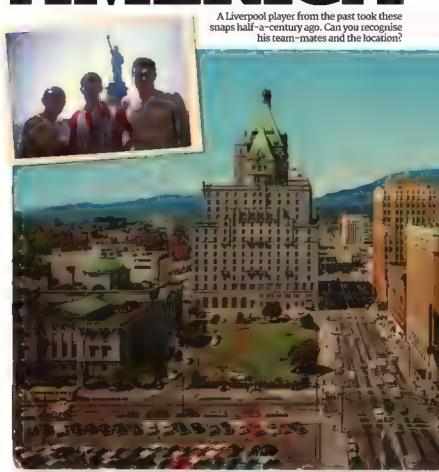


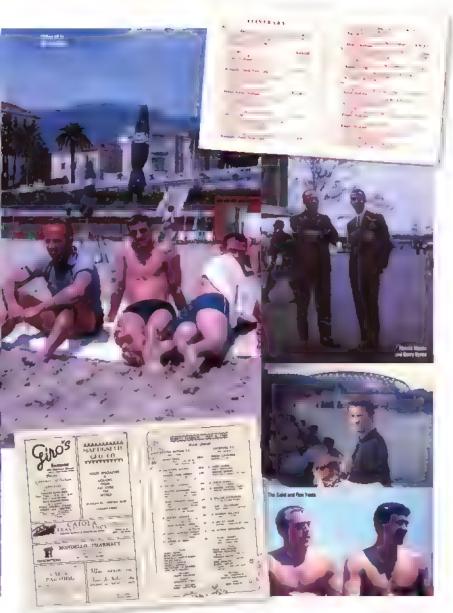
a 4-1 win, goalless encounter and 1-1 draw with two red cards thrown in - and a whopping 14-0 win over a San Franciscan Select. The tour concluded with a 2-0 victory over Vancouver All Stars on 10 June. The team's too scorers were All Arrowsmith with 14 goels and lan St John with 11

Back home, after his debut strike in Europe, Bobby would score a hat-trick against Aaton / In his first league outing. In total he'd score 31 times in 101 games for the Reds before leaving for Coventry City in 1972. Now 69 he kindly loaned these

photographs to one of our writers. They are a fabulous personal record of 5th Shankly's first great team at the height of its powers, relaxing in the Stateside sunshine.

Postcards from AMERICA





You'll Never Walk Alone
my eyes start to water.
There have been times when
I've actually been crying while
I've been playing."

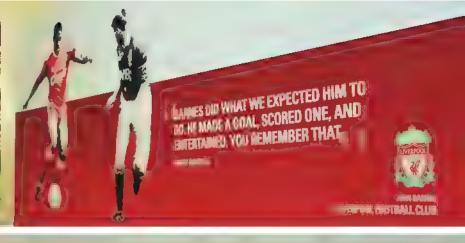
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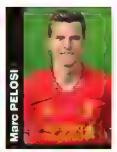


44 A lot of football success is in the mind. You must believe that you are the best and then make sure that you are. ** BILL SHADHLY



"I have kept this moment, and this struggle in my mind If I have to go through a again I'll stand up and I'll take my best shot On Marc | MI Control of the Abidal & Pagas & L. THE RESIDENCE OF THE STREET METOPRITE TREE হত্ত্বিক সুষ্ঠান সভাৰ হৈ উন্তঃ ১৯ ১ The second secon · Maria Charles | Kan Charles 1 7 म्बूडिस्ट । । कार्यक्टी । . स्मूल स्थान RESTRUCTION OF THE PROPERTY OF Wenter Text





The American multifielder who furned all bist month was nuled out of action for 14 months after suffering a broken leg. He returned at the back-end of less season. When got returned couldn't belever it, never emagned something like that would happen to me and it took a white to get my head around it. At first I wasn't ashe to put any weight on the leg, it wasn't ashe to a wolfen couldn't even stand in front of the mirror to brush my testing.

Most people see lootball as a very glamorous job or way of file. But injuries are definitely a big downside to it. During my rehabl i spent a lot of time in the classroom here at the Academy. You can't help but notice the posters and quoties on the walls around the place. Reading about the bough times that some spectromer, such as Michael Jordan. Who was one of the best ever

Jordan who was one of the best ever or Eric Abidal had to go through was a big help. It made me see that I could recover and get back playing again.

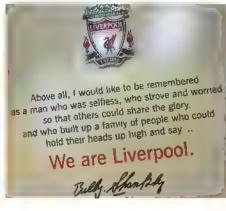
"From there it was about taking it step by step, with small targets all the time. There was no point in thirding. d. will be something like 365 days until play again. Thoughts like that will only get you down. Instead it was about short-term goels. At first it was just being able to wall again. Then it was being able to jog.

Through it all the club was great at keeping my spirits up. Just after the injury trappened Brenden Hodgers phoned me to hear from the menager of the first teem was really encouraging. Then Phil Roscoe [Academy assistant manager and head of soluciation] and clive Cook [aducation and welfare officer] always kept me involved by ensumg I went on hospital or community visits with the rest of the team. The injured lads always do more of those activities.

And as I got nearer to playing traveled with the squard on matchdays. It made me feet part of it all. To finally play again against Chelsea J21s in Aprill was slightly overwhelming.

Quite often you get reggling injuries when coming back from something more serious. But that doesn't worry result is good to broken leg can deal with anything side."

"Reading about the tough times of other sportspeople was a big help"

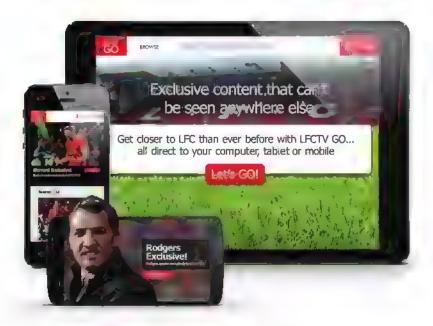








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A first senior cap for Northern ireland came the way of the 9-year-old full-back against Junguisy in May. He moved to Liverpool from Beltast in the summer of 2011 and spent some of last season on dan at Barneley.

"Coming here as a 16 year-old tough was homesock in the first few months but if was something I just had to get over Now Look back and thinks only more from Belest to unexpool. Others such as Merc. have arrived from a lot further away so a must have been really official for them to adjust to a different culture. Whereas life in treland and Endland is petity similar.

"If it did affect me there was always someone such as Clive or Phil or the coaches to talk to and that always did me some good. Also llound that the general almosphere around the Academy, with so much banier and joking, is good for young players. It keeps people in a positive mood.

When I went on loan to Bamsley I was shill in touch with everyone here we ended up being relegated and, as you, can imagine, being in such a situation meant there was some registrally us that to block that out and focus on playing wall because I hency that was the only way could help the team.

imade nine appearances in this Championship and, despite the team dropping in to League One, that was great expenence for me. Although the results obviously didn't got the right way really enjoyed the competitive nature of the toothall, the atmosphere and playing in front of crowds. That was exactly what the people here such as 12°ts menager! Acx unglethorpe had hoped t'd gain from the time at Barneley.

"Same people might view a loain as a bad thing, I didn't see 4 that way th's a real chance to test yourself. You see lots of young players going on loan now because Premier Libague squads are so strong. Not too many players

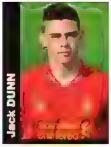
simple, and is based on tota odif
Maybe that has been the key to
Liverpool's consistency. We were
taught to go out there, play our
own game and fear no one st

can be like Wayne Aboney or Raheem Sterling who just go straight into the first team while they are teenagers. So you have to go out somewhere else to get playing time, feam and improve

"If you look at the images around the Academy you realise that even the toest, such as Pele or Roger Federer or Michael Phelips and they are some of the greatest in these own sports had to work increebbly hard and go through different appearances to eventually make it. "That gives you belief that if you put in the effort and always work hard you can do well foo."







Scorer of the final goal in our 4-0 friendly win over Strammock Rovers in May the local tad is an estacking midfielder and a regular in the Unider 21 side. Aged 19, he was 19th man in the squad when we faced Chebea towards the end of lest season.

"I've been at Liverpoot since I was a tid, always been a supporter and would love to make it into the first team here," he save

"During my limit year as an Under 18, I fore my harnstring and was out for a month. Within five minutes of coming back it went again. The second time it was a grade-live tear

that's a lot more serious. I couldn't play for five months and the physiosaid it was one of the worst injuries of those types that he'd seen

"It mean! I obviously missed a lot of the season and the chance to play in the FA Youth Cup. It was a very wornying situation. All that point in your career you usually only have two years with the under 18s before the club clicided so keep you or release you. I was unayaliable for a bog chunk of that. You want to be out on the field showing your ability proving you are good enough. Instead you are in the gym doing rehab.

"You could leet solated. Thankfully people at the Academy reasoured me and helped me to progress. They pointed out what others have gone through to make it in different sports.

"Some of the quotes or posters I canrelate to better than others, particularly like the Michael Jordan quote. The fact that he missed 9,000 shots really tells you that not executifying will go to plan in your career that sometimes you, will be niqued or lose a game or miss a chance. What's important is died you keep going and freep doing the right though

"Thankfully I was kept on here and since then the progressed and played a lot of games for the U21s last season [top-sociong with 10 goals]

"Tive also been up to Melwood to train with the first team. The first few times I was very nervous. I'm a uverpool fan. graw up stotising stavon Gentard. So was a kitile starstruck when I got to train with trum and other players like usis Suarez. I think that's natural and getting past it is a challenge.

'But it was made easier to handle by the fact that Stevie came over and introduced himself and welcomed me

he does that with all the young lads. That makes you feel more confortable and from there—began to settle down "Slowly you get used to being in

biose surroundings and start to play hose surroundings and start to play your own game. I've noticed how yet working with sentior players has helped me already. When I go back down to the U21s I find I'm seeing and doing things quicker than before Novi I want to get to Melvood on a permanent base."











Number 44 in Brendan Rodgers squad, the Australian born left-back made his senior bow as a second-half substitute against Chesea at Surminal Bridge last Decamber. Two months previously he of refuended from a long lay-off lictbowing ar anterior cruciate figament injury.

When almost everyone else was away on holiday lisat summer [2013] I was in here avery day working with one of the physics — the physics had holidays too _tiev_ust organised them in such a way that one of them was always evailable to help me through, my rehab. I'm sure not every oldo would provide you with that void of the help of the sure you appreciate being at Liverpool and endourages you to give your all

"It wasn't just the medical staff that looked after me it was everyone. People couldn't do enough, had phone calls from Craig Bellamy and others to wash me wall.

Obvousty you, just want to be able to play and watching you team mates particularly whoever is in your position. doing well as tough, However the atmosphere around the Academy is always very positive. I think that starts with popelle like Phil and Citrethey always have a friendly word and a joke. That then helps players, whether they are impred, homesick, out-of-form or have another difficulty to generally remain in a positive mood.

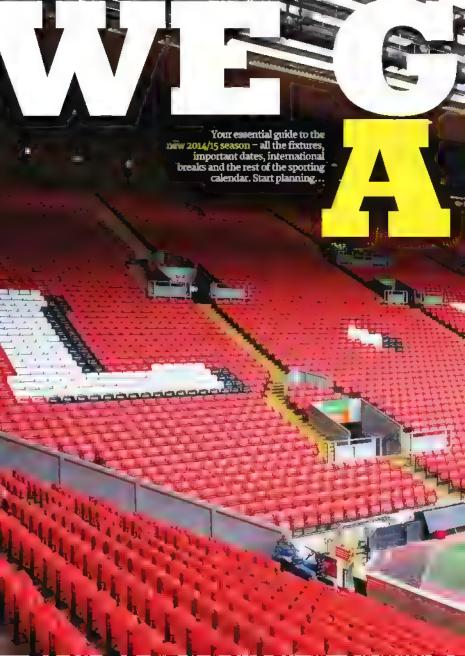
"Scoring for the J21s in my first

game back (against Spurs) made at the hours in the gym feel worthwhile. Since their the continued working hard and as everyone knows, if you do that the manager will give young players a chance. If he is watching you, maybe in a game here at the Academy or if you go to Melwood, you know you have to impress him. I suppose that brings some pressure but playing well in front of the bose is a big part of lootball. If you can't perform when his is their maybe you haven't got the night mentality.

Then if he does put you in, you have to perform again. There is no time to relies or think you've made it. Every time you take to the field – be it for training or a game with the USA's or first faram. you have to set high standards if you don't there are other players at the dub waking to get on. It's the kind of pressure you want, the pressure of being a lookster atta top other.

"It wasn't just the medical staff that looked after me – it was everyone here" 66Kenny Dalglish was the reason I signed for Liverpool. It was his reputation and his stature in the game that persuaded me and the fact that he gave me a particulary smart pair of boots."

STEVE MCMANAMAN







ary Gillespie, a member of the Liverpool fear: that won the top-fight title in 1989/90, says, "As a former defender think most people would expect me to say I'd like to see the side register more clean sheets right season. I'm hot so sure about that Conceding fewer goals would obviously be beneficial but only if it doesn't meen a reduction in our attacking threat.

Like everyone else I was hugely enterlained by the free-flowing, attacking football Brendan had the beam playing last season. Every time you went to Anfield you were excited because goals were almost guaranteed, and usually lots of them. We hit three, lour or five on a ndiculous number of occasions

"If was that goalscoring ability which oot us in to the title race and helped us to finish second. When you play with such freedom it can mean you leak a law goals at the other end-But becoming aghter at the back at the expense of sconno fewer goals wouldn't be not feither it's about having the correct balance between attack and delence. Brendar has said that on a number of occasions so he'll be trying to implement d.

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"To do well in Europe we'll need a strong squad and different options"

progress so much last season and be up there in contention for the leadue. The propress was probably shead of schedule, so perhaps that is why there was a slight imbalance in the side. I think that the top teams pet that balance between defence and attack right after a number of years together and that's obviously what we'll be among for

"There has been some talk during the summer that we might bring in a new centre-back. I think we're wellstocked in that department and have a few lads in the Under 21s aiming to push or too. This will be Mamadou Soltho's second year here. The first seeson at a new club is never easy.

arrived from a different country Sakho had a tew niggling injunes that meant he was in and out of the side at times. When that happens it's difficult to get in to your mythen so it was probably a frustrating time for him. If he can stay injury-free, with the experience of a year here behind him. he could be a vital asset

Whether we do sign players in that department or not, the fans expectations have definitely risen. They'll want us to be up there contribing again and rightly so think we have to approach the leadue in the same way. We need to get in to the top four before Christmas again and then take it from there

That will be more of a challenge because we have Champions League football to play this time. We've obviously been out of the competition for quite a while Going back Into It won't be easy and not loo many of the players have a rot of European. experience. Having said that, think we have enough about us to get through the group stages. That would be a good return. From there, who knows? No opponent, even the very best teams such as Real Madrid or Bayern Munich, will relish coming to Antield.

If we're to do well in Europa we'll need to have a strong squad and different options. I think Rickie Lambert. definitely provides something new for the manager. He is very different to the striking choices we already had When you out him alongside wis Suerez, Daniel Sturridge and Raheem Sterling, that is a great blend of altackers to choose from

I didn't know much about Lambert until he made it to the Premier League. with Southampton a few years ago. Since then he's really impressed me He might not be blessed with amazing pace, but we already have players with that asset. His game is based more on technical ability and in that area he is absolutely superb. His touch is assured and he can score goals. With an many fatures. opportunities to play will definitely come his way and I'm sure he'il take them. I think he can make a big impact."





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erry, McDermott believes
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fests of attacking football in
2014/15. The former Reds multicides
won six league titles during his spell
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United in the 1990s.

"I'm sum the players and the manager's expectations are going to be that we can do the as they were so close last year." In says. "No-one expected unseppool to have the season they did. Yes, they were expected to go from seventh the year before to go from seventh the year before to maybe the Champions usague qualifying places. But to go and do what they did was almost beyond belief and some of the lootball they produced wells exquisitis.

"I went to the Marichester City game and a Belleve it or not it was the first time I of been to Antield in eight years and to see the performance in the first half that day reminded me of the heady days of the Newcastle teams of 1899, 95, 96 in those days Newcastle were the entertainers and people have rightly said that uverpool have tone over thair maritle. If there was any justice in the world, uverpool should have won it is 195.96 foo. Those beams were a forest in the world in 195.96 foo. Those beams were a forest in the second.

There have been suggestions that the Reds will find it hard to match last season's exploids. As well as having the demands of Champion's Jacque lootball to contend within 2014/15, it is expected that Chelsea and Manchester United will be stronger.



"The team will only get better. Can they win it next year,—why not?"

while Arsenal are also back on the trophy trail following their FA Cup success.

But Yerry feets last season's experiences will also benefit uverpool. There's no reason why we can't look lorward to more of the same head season. don't look at any learn and think we can't look at any learn and think we can't beet them. The really encouraging thing is that the learn will only get better. If they are able to bring in better players the conflictions in the existing aquad will be higher as a result of what they achieved last brine, and so long as you can keep your main players myury free them believe they won't be far away.

"Of course it's important to keep your Suarezs, Sundges and Sterlings lit. but the one man they can't allord to lose through injury or suspension is Steven Gerrard. My biggest wish for hart season is that he will be ever-crossed.

"For me, he is in the same category as Kevin Keegan and Kenny Dalglish and maybe even beyond them

Jiverpool for much of the test 10 years. Now players such as Suarez have helped take the burden away from him. If there is one person we can ill afford to iosa, it is him. I've never seen a player like him. You've got your Messis and Ronaldes who are absolutely lantastic at going past people and scoring magnificent goals, but Sleven has it all. He's changed his game slightly to be more detensivethinking but that just serves to illustrate his quality honestly can't think of one thing he can't do. To be lair I've never seen him keep goal, builif he can prove adept at that ther he'll still be worth a lot of money!"

because while Kevin and Kenny

played in teams that won things

year in, year out. Steven has carned

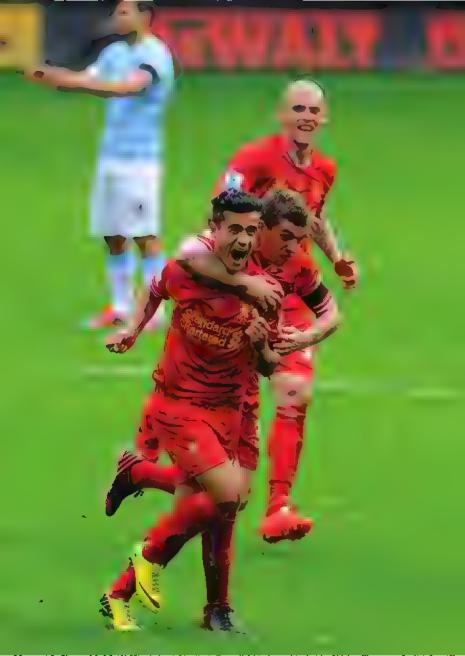
Another factor in LFC's title challenge lasi season was strong home form. Backed by a noisy Antield, Liverpool collected 49 points from a possible 57 in front of the Kop Terry believes the 12th Man will again be come into the equation. "I just could not believe the noise the crowd created at the Manchester City game, it was dealening. I bumped into Dave Johnson and said: 'Listen Doc did they used to make that noise when we were playing?" He said: 'Yes and more, because don't lorget there were 28 000 standing up on the Koo at one time. Can you imagine the nose they made?" Because you're in a bubble and concentrating when you're playing, you hear a noise bull you don't really hear what they're saying because you're in that zone

"if would have been a dream to win it last season. It wasn't to be but the players, the manager and the staff should be really proud of the way the team went so close.

In the late 70s and early 80s we genuinely felt we couldn't be bastan bocause we knew we were a good taam. If the present squad shows that belefined year and Brendan adds to what is already a very good squad, going through what they expenenced test season will serve them well, I am really looking forward to seeing the team's future unfold Can they win the edy year. With notify

The almosphere of the Man City game





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Q&A with former Reds boss Roy Evans...

Having gone so close last season and having been a manager yourself at Liverpool in a similar situation - what will be the message to the players when they return for pre-season? You have to take all the positives from last season because there are many the results, the style of the football, the number of poals. Our original larget was qualifying for the Champions League and we did that with games to spare before going very, very close to winning the league The maroin was line. You have to remind them of all that

But you also have to remind them that the reality is: it counts for nothing now. The hard work starts again, Just because you were a good team ast year if dees not mean your a good team this year? You have to show the same effort and the same desire it's not a time to say, we're back in the Champlon's League. We're good been when you win's pomething.

even the league. It half has to be the message if you, want sustained success. It counts for everyone at the club, the players, the staff and the fans. The focus has to be on the job in hards, looking forward and not backwards.

Given the course of events at the end of last season, will it be difficult for the players to get over that? You address it by talking about it but not dived. It's important to remember that we were only in control of the saturation for a relatively short period of time. It doesn't sat easy with me when

The Rinds care unjoy and Searn from the Charmology League





"The focus has to be on the job in hand, looking forward and not backwards"

someone says Liverpool surendered the title because the feer was only up for a couple of weeks after an unbelievable effort to get these in the frame by a run that few others sides in recent history could match. We drayed some outstanding football and got undone in one match against Chelsea when maybe we pushed a title bit too much:

But there's no point trying to be clever with Introsight. It's important to remember we are a positive train and it's very difficult to change it at the end when it has brought you so much success previously. Obviously there will be disappointment we rever quite polled it off bird. If Benderin gives all the targets he wants in the transfer market, will increase competition among the support and of the players fing again.

When you were manager, did it give the squad a lift when you signed a new player? Without a doubt you have to shiprove every season. In football you, can't believe you have a positing. There's always a way to improve or adjust your gams. I'd say if it even more important to get the recruitment right when you're at the top because you soon find games become more difficult because other learns mark your card and are out to be ally out. You become an even greater scalp.

So given that Liverpool have more games this season with the Champions Josepha is well as the dissire to do as well if not better in the league. It is assented that Brenden is allowed to opporate in the manket with a bit of freedom. When you sign a new quality player suddenly other players are toplang over their shoulder. It is important to keep every one on their loss while also giving the top top players all the cubb a bot of hope that wriving girt a better chance of submining.

When you are preparing the team for a campaign that Includes Europe, how is it different to one that doesn't?

Planning You have the old chestnut that you've got to take one game at a time. It's important that the players see it like that, but as manager you have to be thinking about the bigger picture day by day month by month. year by year. When you're Liverpool. manager you have to try and do well in each competition and try and use the players that surf certain fedures It makes me laugh in many ways though, because we've spent a lot of time worrying about not being in the Champions Jeague and suddenly now we're in it, people are talking shout all these problems even though we're desperate to be there. Ultimately you ve got to go and enjoy it.

think that we've got a team that will enjoy if and one that has the potential to be very successful. Oray, at times we'll need to be a bit lighter in terms our approach, but if time, that will come as the team develops experience it's easy to forget that this is still a very young side.



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SAT 21 SOUTHAMPTON (A)

STATRLAST: his fatture should see the return of former saims striker (belief Lambert to St Mary's he scored 47 goals in 235 games for Saints

Tues/Wed 24/25 UEFA Champions League round of 16 second leg

SAT 28 MAN CITY (H)

STATRIAST: 7 of the 8 meetings between these (cams since 2010/ti have had at least 3 goals

MARCH

Sun 1 Capital One Cap final TUES 3 BURNLEY (H)

STATBLAST: these teams have only met twice during the Premier League era with Liverpool winning 4:0 home and away in 2009/50

Wed 4 Kenny Dalglish's birthday (54) Frl 6 Simon Mignolet's birthday (27) Sut 7 FA Cup quarter-finals

SAT 14 NWUSEA CITY (A)

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SAT 21 MAN UNITED (H) STATILAST last season's defeat

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INTERNATIONAL BREAK Fri 27 England v Lithuenia EURO 2016 qualifier

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Fri 3 Good Enday SAT 4 ARSEMAL (A)

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STATBLAST Newcastle have scored first in six of the last eight meetings between these teams

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SAT 19 Initial CITY (III) FA CUP semi-finals

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ever (D41.12)
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League quarter-finals second leg

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The Originals history to score a century of goals

The class of 2013/14 wasn't the first in Liverpool's

Harry Briedstein

he day he was appointed as the new manager of Liverpool. FC. Brendan Rodgers posed for a photo-shoot next to a plaque of John McKenna, the dub's lormative joint secretarymenager. Fittingly it was under McKenna's leadership that Liverpool tast scored 100 teaque goals in one season way back in 1895/96. The team played in blue-and-white halves then, and this is their story

The content

After one season in the Lancashire Loaque the club was accepted into the Football League Owson Two and immediately won the title. They col enti ni ripuoti li bnuot vitneupeadua. division and were relegated straight back to the second tier. Ahead of the 895/96 campaign McKenna and William Barday set about fulfilling owner John Houlding & ambition of regaining a place among the elite.

The signings

There was significant player movement in and out ahead of the new season, Right-back Archie Goldie joined from Clyde and would form a consistent partnership with his countryman Tom William on the opposite flank. Wilee had arrived from Hearts the previous January a few days before Billy Dunion signed from Abercom Dunidp would become a mainstay of the feem's backline for 14 years, making 363 appearances.

in attack much hope centred on the controversial £50 addition of Fred Geary from Everton, Insidetell Frank Becton also bolstered the five-man troutline arriving from Preston North End Bul it was the £100 move for George Alian that would prove most important in today's money the fee would be around 08,000

The season

A remarkable campard saw the Reds net 106 poals m their 30 league futures. Incredibly 65 were scored in the 15 games at Artifeld, fromcatty it was Manchester City who finished level on points, although Liverpool were placed. top as a result of their markedly better goal-average. Back then finishing too

did not quarantee promotion, Jyerpaol needed to play a post-season Yest Match seres against the two lowest-placed teams in Division One for the right to go up

The marksman George Aller was a goalhungry 20-year-old when he was required from Leth Athletic The Luis Suarez of his day he went on to score 25 goals in 20 games and another three in the all-important Test. metches. Nickramed 'Dod' he netted 56 poals in 96 games for uverpool in two spells either side of a shrift at Cellic.

> Incredibly 65 goals were scored in 15 games at Antield

Prior to the start of the 1899/00 season 4 was recorded that Allian was too if for training. Then-manager Tom Watson Immented: Diseased lungs are not cured in a day Transcally Altan died of hatvarradasis ir Filo in October that year aged 24 The other four mostused forwards that season also died young: Harry Bradshaw, aged 26 in 899, Jimmy Ross, 36 in 1902: Malcolm McVean. 35 in 1907, and Frank Becton, also 38 in 1909.

The scores

Civerpool scored over five goals in a garne Or Seven obtasions

Chief among them was the 10-1 victory. over Rotherham Town on 18 February a result that remains the club's biodest leadure with Antield regulars also enjoyed handsome successes against Crewis Alex (6.1) Lincoln City (6- 1 Burton Swifts (6-1) and Newton Heath (7-1). The team was no less ruthless on their travels with Crewe put to the sword again at Nantwich Road (7-0) while Burton Swifts suffered the same fate While Suarez, Daniel Sturndoe and Steven Gerrard all hit double figures in 2013/14, five Liverpool players achieved the feat in 1895/98 Alongside Alian there were impressive contributions from Jimmy Ross (23) Becton (18), Harry Bradshaw and Geary (both 11)

Time Yeard of reaction

Jiverpool but themselves into a commanding position for promotion with a 4-0 win over Small Health (now Birmingham City) at Anfield in their coening Test match. The return fedure ended in a goalless draw with the local press reporting that the train journey took almost four hours for the Monday evening fedure. A crowd of 20,000 then packed into Anfield for the next match of the series against West Brom with Liverpool winning 2-0 thanks to goals

THE LEAGUE TEST MATCHES. test matches.

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from Bradshaw and Allan. The Baggles won the return by the same scorefine and preserved their top-flight status, while averpool joined them in the higher division.

The terms

Despite playing his part in leading the fearn back to the top division. John MoKerna was always seen as something of a visionary. Ahead of uverpools raturn it was announced that held persuaded Sunderland's successful secretary-manager. Tom Walson to leave Wearstide for Merseyside and oversee than affairs. Brencher Rodgers with the "Honest" John McKenne plaque

The one-man learn

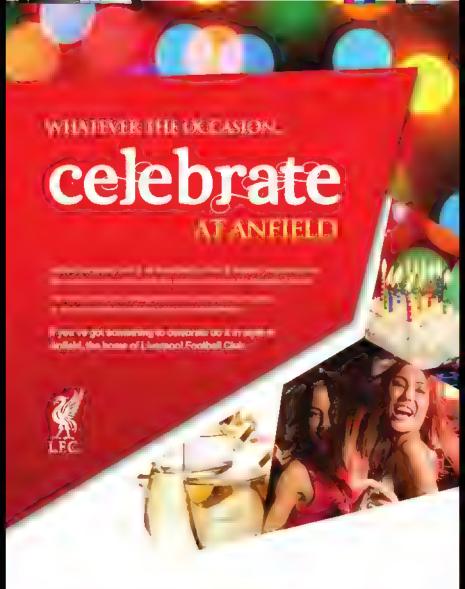
The remarkable Malf McQueen was famed for playing in every position during his censer with Liverpoot. He began this perfoular campasyn in goal, and although harry Stores arrived in Decomber 1986. McQueen still recked up 22 league appearances. Most of them came between the stocks but in the second half of the season he also appeared in the fall-back her page person of the fall-back her appeared in the fall-back her the second half of the season he also appeared in the fall-back her.

Regular line-up (2-3-5) McQueen,Goldle, Wilkle,McCartney

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Neil Away to help talented young players truly fulfil their potential

hen made my debut for Liverpool against ipswich in a League Cup be at Anfield in 2002 I was barning 2500 a week, drinng a Renault Clio.

To be playing for Liverpool was an ambition fulfilled it was a good wage and more than enough to sustain a healthy standard of fiving. I thought I was the sucheat person in the world.

If was breaking into the first team of a football cub now 12 years later. I wonder what my contract would be like. here no doubt like linearcelly it would be more locative that linearcelly it would be more locative than it was. But that does not necessarily mean it would be been to my benefit in the long-term (appreciated them as I do now how locatinate was to be getting aid for something I know lotterate was to be getting aid for something I know lotterate was to be getting aid for something I know lotterate was to be getting aid for something I know how fair aways was from being an established lifest-team oblines.

There has been a lot of discussion recently about the state of English tootbot since the national team's early esh from the World Cup. Currently there are not enough youngstors developing into lop-custer byters. There are nating influence more and attributes towards if.

When I was a teenager in unexpool's youth system the message was clear if you play wall develop the nght way and malke your mark, you't eventually be rewarded. Football was a tail industry in that sense in the use decade the sport is acceleration into a business has been staggering. Lots of





clubs have attempted to sign players young and sell them at 25 or 30 just after their peak for a profit. While this may safeguard the club's financial

inherests if also has a negative implect. Chubs are terrified of messing out on the next big thing so they reward to much too soon. With the night too much too soon. With the night guidance, a few like Richeem Sterting still manage to progress and become full manage to progress and become the player they were expected to be Bull for every Sterring, there are many who tack the motivation to confinue on the nath that once seemed observes.

before is lost. Every person is antified to earn money. But it would be botter for the gerne if a cap was introduced whereby players can only earn so much until they have established themselves, having played 700 or so games it would be beneficial to have contract where pay is backdated if keeps players motivated between the real common use page of 18 and 2" where

All of the good work that has gone on

they mature and understand the responsibilities of being a tootballer. The sacking culture of managers hasn't helpod either. The demand. for instant results has resulted in few managers being able to give young players their opportunity. When times are hard, it's a thed and trusted method to took for the expenence that will get you out of a hole.

That's why Liverpool supporters are very fortunate to have Brendan Rodoers as their manager as well as a strong solid owner Rodgers has championed young players more than any other manager at top-level British football Stering is an example of that. He was England's most exciting player at the World Cup but it's easy to forget how difficult it's been in the last 18 months establishing himself in "Iverpool's first team after secring a new contract. There were occasions where other managers may have pulled him out, yet Rodgers persisted with him and now the player the club

and the country have benefited greatly Rodgers has made those decisions with the full backing of dwiners that realised success wasn't going to be achieved overright. The player the manager and the club have been able to develop with that confidence.

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its long-term aims are threefold: to enhance the relationship between Liverpool Football Club and our supporters, to help ensure lans feel their loyalty is valued by Liverpool FC, and to help improve Liverpool FC for the benefit of all supporters.

The committee currently meets four times a season in Liverpool with senior club staff The owners do aim to attend a couple of meetings each season too. During meetings the committee discusses the issues and asks the questions that most affect them and the fans they represent. Minutes from each rneeting are published online within seven days of the meeting ending.

Most recently there was a tans forum on Friday 9 May at The Sandon pub close to the stadium where supporters had the opportunity to raise points regarding the redevelopment of Anfield and its wider area.

If you have a question or something you would like raised. please contact the relevant - 2 4 4 4 4 4



The second second second second members will not be able to reply to every correspondence and more urgent day-to-day questions should be directed to the dub. Follow us on Twitter @LFCSupCom

















HEALTH BOOST

Liverpool Ladies will wear a new logo on the back of their shirts as part of a new participation. The Rock have signed a three-year dealt with health and the insuser Puriteath and PruProtect. LFC's chief commercial offices Billy Hogen said: "Whee shillight to bring PruFreight and PruProtect on board. They archite to promote health year dather livestyles across the nation fits in well with LFC and the work we're doing in communities across the nation governments.



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GUINNESS CUP

The Reds are one of eight fearre taking part in the 2014 Gunness Informational Champions Cup in the USA and Canada. There are two groups of four Each team wall play three matches and he two groups teachers will lace off or 4 August in the Rina's ASI of USA Stadem in Magnituse or 27 July in Solder Field Chicago, play Manchester City all the Yankee Stadeum in New York on 30 July, then AZ Millar in Charlotte, North Caroline on 2 August.



DERBY DUEL

After funding their Continental Cap group garnes, Liverpool Ladies return to league action with a derby dual against Evertun at the Select Security Stadium on 1.6 July before visits to Bristol Academy on 19 July and Mancheser City on 27 July Matt Beard's side is set to include new signing Wina Erausing (right), a Danish Under 23s centre—back





NEW SEASON TO START IN DENMARK

The Reds kick of their pre-season programme with a friendly at Denmark's most popular lootball club. Brondby IF who celebrate their 50th anniversary.

The two sides will kick-off at 6pm local time on Wednesday 16 July at the home of the Danish Superliga dub, Brondby Stadion (above).

Liverpool FC and Brondby have previously met three times with the last clash being almost ten years ago in the 1995/96 JEFA Cup when Dan Eccen's goal at Anfield gave the Danes a 1-0 aggregate victory

The Reds have a large following across Denmark with over 80,000 Danish lans lollowing the club's official Facebook account, Jiverpool FC vice-captain and stipper of the Agger transferred from Brondby to LFC in the 2006/07 season and has helped build the profile of the Reds across his homeland

Liverpool were close to signing a Brondby player in 1983 with Michael Laudrup having since revealed he was poised to join the Reds after shaking hands on a three-year contract. But when averpool insisted upon increasing the length of the deal by an extra 12 months, the move collepsed and the gifted attacker went to Juventus instead

"Liverpool were my team as a kid

back home in Denmark the said. Brondby sports director Per Rud can't wait for the game. "We look forward to welcoming uverpool FC at Brondby. Liverpool is one of the world's biggest and most popular

I watched them as a kid on television

clubs, and we hope that a great deal of Brondby IFs fans and also Scandinavien fans of LFC will take part in this unique experience at Brondby Stadium Liverpool FC is an important part of our club's history, and this inendly is therefore a perfect way to mark Brondby (F's 50th anniversary and an ideal last pre-season match for our squad to prepare for 2014/15

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DEEPDALE DATE

The Reds continue their preseason programme with a trip to Preston North End on Saturday, 19 July (3pm). The flortire at Deepdate brings together two SHEAR THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF THE PART

the legendary former Reds. manager BBI Shankly Shankly is revered at Presion too after dedicating 16 years of his playing career to the Lancashire team and his image adorns one of the stands at the stadium. Twelve months ago Liverpool began their pre-season campaign with #4-0 win at Deepdale LFC have received a 950 stand tickets for the fixture and fans should visit www.livespoolfc.com for the latest information.



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LFC MUST-SEE

Fancy a greet late summer night-out with a Mighty Reds flavour? Then don't miss The Official Story of Liverpoor Football Club coming soon to Liverpool and Belfast

When the show rain in March this year at Liverpool's Royal Court & got rave reviews from orbos and audiences alike. As a result, the play that covers the club's 120-year history has been taken to another level in its home city now it's set to be staged in front of an audience of 3,500 people in the Echo Arena's second auditorum. Echo Two Then it makes its debuil at Belfast's Odyssey Arena. for a three-night run, giving over 10,000 fans in Ireland the chance to see the hit speciacle

The show brings to life the dub's incredible history, documenting the days of Elisha Scott, Albert Stubbins and Bitly uddell to Kenny Dalgish. Steven Gerrard and Brendan Rodgers With access to the LFC archive, writer Nicky All has created a show that will make fans laugh, bry and offeer

He'd already enjoyed massive success with the play One Night in Islanbul which has subsequently been adapted into a film due to be relessed in cinemas later this year as well as being co-writer Brick Up The Mersey Tunnels. "It was always my intention to take The Official Story to a bigger audience and now is the time." says Nicky "Eve had such postive feedback from supporters, as well as many people saying that they missed the chance to see it last time around?"

Among the cast are Mark Morachan (Brookside, Holby City), Jake Abraham (Lock, Stock and Two Smaling) Barrels) and theatre favourties Linda Germain (Reds and Blues) and Jenny Wood (Little Shop of Homors)

The show runs at EchoTwo @ Echo Arena Irom Thursday 28 to Saturday 30 August, It travels to Bettest's Odyssey Arena from Thurs 18 to Set 20 September For Liverpool tickets ust www.echoarana.com or call 0844 8000 400. For Beliast d's www.licketmasterie or 0844 277 4455.

CUTS FOR CUPS

The club has out its domestic cup and Champions Leavue match ticker prices or half for 17 to 2: year-olds next season.

Fullowing the decision to hold season - ticket price increases in line with inflation for next season. the club is continuing to focus on youngsters with its cup pricing.

The junior matchday ticket which was introduced ast season, will remain at just £5 for selected games, and disabled marchday ticker prices will be toward for the second consecutive season. The club has also reduced its cheapest matchday ticket trosp £38 to £37

Chief executive officer Ian Ayre says. "The club recognises the importance of ticket otices and each year gives careful consideration when making decisions on all pricing. We have intered to the reedback from



our Supporters Committee, who gather the views and thoughts of our much-valued supporters

"With this in round, we have held season - ticket prices relatively flat for ama/15 and with murchday tickets we have focused again on getting more and more children and young people inside Artifield to watch our foctures



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form the first intake of the Academy's U17s and U19s, servicing local club DSK Shivalians.

I was all uverpool's Academy for say years before playing in the first seam for 17 years. said Carra. If know how important it is to have the night development as a young player to fulfill your potential. The players will follow Lerepool's philosophies both one and off the plitch. The kids are from all over the country and some of them have

been awarded scholarships so this will be a life-changing experience for them."

The Academy is a purpose-built residential complex with 540 are conditioned and fully furnished rooms. Facilities include two full-size pitches, one 4G synthetic turi and one natural grass, an outcloor swimming pool lecture theatre classrooms, changing norms gym, cartiern and convenience store.



CONGRATULATIONS CATHY

A Liverpool FC employee has been recognised for 45 years of service to the club with an Unsung Hero accolade at TheStadiumBusiness Awards in London.

Now in its fifth year, the event recognises leadership, innovation and achievement in the operation and management of sports facilities globally shore than 300 unitsizity essecutives were in attendance for the ceremony at the RAF Museum in the capital, where retail catering manager Cathy Cubbin collected the special horour.

The judging panel noted Cathy's extremely professional approach, pro-active attitude and strategic vision! She saw off competition from normnees from the USA and Sweden plus four contenders from the UK

Cathy said: "I was shocked at being norwinated, never mind winning it. I rould not have achieved this sort of success without the team! I work with, so I'd like to thank Paul Cuttill far his leadership and encouragement and all my colleagues who have made it possible. We've achieved so musch at the stadium this year and look forward to continued success behind the scenes at Antielled."

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HERE COME THE GIRLS

quartet of Joverpool Cadies have paid visits to local schools in recent weeks, Kate Longhurst and Joby Stout called into St Mangaret's school in south Leverpool to show they support at Leverpool FC Foundation's Respect 4 All Desability Centre.

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Sinker Kate and goalkreeper Libby attended the event in Agiburth to assist with a coaching and D&A scott.

The Worker's Super League Thophy was also in attendance. The Foundation has two Respect 4. All centres, in Agiburth and Wirral, which deliver free imparment inspectic coaching to young people and adults with complete additional notice.

"It is an absolute privilege to come down and participate with both the children and the adults. said Kata.

To give something back to the community is extremely important and I hope to be involved in many more events." Jubby edided "Footballers are often seen as role models but those participating in this coaching session.





Working with children and adults to help inspire positive change through sport - follow us on Twitter LFCFoundation to keep up to date with the community team's projects and activities



"The children were really knowledgeable about Liverpool Ladies FC"

are the real inspirational people it is an honour to be involved

Meanwhife midfleider Amanda Da Costa and defender Becky Easton visited two schools in Widnes. Holy Family School and Wade Deacon High School both situated close to the Select Security Stadium

"We really onjoy interacting with the iccal schoolchildren. said Amanda. They were really knowledgeable

asked some interesting questions their enthusiasm was infectious."

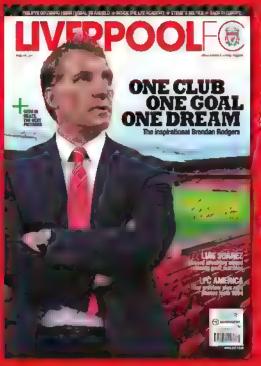
Backy added: 'Both schools were very welcoming and it s brilliant to see so many young girls interested in playing football

Wade Deagon PE teacher usa Hughes said: Amanda and Bedky gave some great footballing advice. Hopefully some of the gats can follow their fead and one day become professional tootballers representing Liverpool Ladies



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16 June
Happy anniversary to my
gorgeous wife 7 years today!



15 June
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13 June Team on the bus. We're ready for formorrow!



13 June
A view of the stadium through the jungle. The wait is almost over



12 June ice bath after training yesterday, two Scousers leading the way



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Just loosening up before training
with England's No1 therapist.
Paul Small aka Smally!



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Congrabulations to Flanno and his
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Last right's view from my hotel
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3 June
Hello from Miami with fellow Rads
@xistudge and Rickie Lambert.
Also happy 122nd birthday to LFCI

David It's exciting to think those European nights are coming back to Anfield...

t the end of next month Liverpool fans can look forward to their team being involved in the Champions League draw for the first time in live years. I'm sure that, like me, all Reds will be excited at that, as the Champions League is where this dub belongs.

At the turn of the year we'd have snatched anyone's hands off if they'd offered us fourth spot as the aim at the start of last season was always to get back into that tournament.

As we all know, a fantastic second helf of the season took us close to the title and enabled us to go straight into the group stages. We can now look forward to some more of those great. European nights that have become part of the club's modern history. Although it's going to make next season busier in terms of the number of games, it's where we want to be

Finishing second was a great achievement but we have missed those Champions League nights and it will be great to have them back.

It is important that Brendan Rodgers is now given the resources to strengthen the squad to compete on all fronts and I'm sure that will happen. The starting eleven is strong but there are always a couple of areas where you feel a squad could be strengthened. However, to come as close as we did tast season suggests there's not much wrong



The learn for LFC's last Representation in 2009

Having had time to reflect on last season, you begin to appreciate just what a rollercoaster everyone went through in that final month, I remember thinking to myself at one point that 14 wins on the trol would be a big ask and laiways thought there would be twists and turns. But everyone will benefit for the experience.

We were probably all a little quilty of thinking we were going to win the league after that great result against Manchester City. I'm sure that was just down to the pure excilement of the thought of being champions again. You can't help the way you feel and it was really exciting.

"Europe will make next season busier it's where we want to be"



It's still gut-wrenching when you think about what happened in those final three games but time is the best healer. I'm sure the players will come back for pre-season ready, like they say, to go again.

Last month I continued my comeback with a win over Yaroslay Zavorotnyi in Germany. Now I can look forward to getting back to fighting in Liverpool again. I've enjoyed fighting abroad as part of the rebuilding process, but I am in this sport to be part of big-time boxing. Taking that tittle stee back to rebuild was the right thing to do, but now I'm ready to del back into those big lights, hopefully from the autumn time onwards. Follow David on Twitter @DavidPrice 1



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